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COMPETITION IN APPLE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the domestic apple is facing competition from the imported apples;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the quantum of apple imported exported during each of the last three years and the current year, country-wise and value-wise;

(c) the remedial steps being taken by the Government to protect the interests of the domestic apple producers;

(d) whether the Government proposes to increase the import duty on apples; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

(a & b) The average per kg import price of apple during last three years was much higher than that of per kg export price for the corresponding period. The quantum of (top five destinations) import and export of apples during last three years and current year along-with value is at Annexure − I and Annexure − II. The quantity of domestic apple production has gone up from 17.77 Lakh Tons during 2009-10 to 22.11 Lakh Tons during 2011-12.

The above facts do not suggest that the domestic apple industry is facing any adverse competition from the imported apples.

(c) Does not arise.

(d & e) The present import tariff is 50% which is also a Bound rate of Duty agreed in GATT/WTO. The scope for further increase in tariff rates without further negotiation under the WTO regime seems unlikely at present.